

RUSHVILLE CITY UTILITIES
601 W 3RD St.
Rushville, IN 46173

Minutes of the Utility Board Meeting, April 20, 2011
The Utility Board met in Council Chambers @ 6:00 P.M.

Tim Sheehan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call was taken. All board members were present.

Board Members Present:

Tim Sheehan
Phillip Starkey
Michael Singleton
Joe Malcom
Brian Bess

Others present:

Les Day	Facility Manager
Gina Jenkins	Office Manager
Ronald Wilson	City Attorney
Mervyn Bostic	Mayor

Brian Bess motioned to approve the board minutes from the March 16, 2011 meeting. Phillip Starkey seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day reviewed the financial report for the month of March. The Water Operating report showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 27.74 million gallons of water pumped, with 24.54 million gallons of water treated. Water plant personnel responded to 12 service calls for billings and customer requests. There were 7 customer requests to check for leaks. There were 5 complaints for rusty water. There was 1 complaint due to salty water. There were 62 line locates. There were 51 connects and 44 disconnects for the month, with the total customers being 2994. Les told the board that part of the 30% unaccounted loss of water was due to flushing the hydrants. He also stated that there have been 2 hydrants replaced with new ones and 3 hydrants have been refurbished so far this year.

The Operating Report for Wastewater showed no N.P.D.E.S. violations for the month. There were 89.87 million gallons of wastewater treated, for the month. It was reported that there was a total of 3.65 inches of precipitation, for the month. There were 4 sewer complaints checked. There were 2,000 feet of sewer mains cleaned from sewer complaints. 20,200 gallons of septic sludge was accepted for the month of March. There were no sewer taps made for the month. There were no dye tests ran.

Les introduced Bruce Davis from Davis Towing and Service. Bruce addressed the board concerning the two sets of stairs that need to be replaced at the Wastewater plant. He told the board that to tear out both sets of old stairs and replace them with new ones will be at an estimated price of \$23,000.00. Each set of new aluminum stairs would cost \$9,000.00 each, plus the cost to tear out the existing stairs. Bruce also told the board that he could patch the existing stairs for a few thousand dollars, but in a few years, the stairs were still going to have to be completely replaced. The current condition of both sets of stairs is becoming unsafe. Joe Malcom motioned to approve the installation of new stairs at a cost of no more than \$23,000.00. Michael Singleton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Richard Malcom, Rushville City Utilities customer, approached the board to find out if they had made a decision concerning an adjustment on his high consumption from 2009.

Tim Sheehan told everyone that he had called Greensburg and Greenfield Utilities and was told by both companies that meters do not turn unless water passes through them, but they also told Tim that they do sometimes make exceptions to their policy on giving adjustments to customers. Tim also told Mr. Malcom that the City Utilities' policy states that a customer has 90 days to ask for an adjustment. Michael Singleton told Mr. Malcom the board would offer him an adjustment of the water portion of the highest month in that time period, which was 1449 cubic feet. The adjustment would be for \$47.66. Mr. Malcom told the board that his consumption for the 18 months in question was on average at 233 cubic feet higher per month at that time then it is now, and that he was asking for \$100.00. Brian Bess asked Mr. Malcom if he would accept an adjustment of \$75.00. Mr. Malcom said that he would take \$75.00. Brian Bess motioned to approve the adjustment for Mr. Malcom for \$75.00. Phillip Starkey seconded the motion. Joe Malcom, due to his relationship with Richard Malcom, abstained from voting. The motion carried. Tim Sheehan made a final comment concerning this matter. He told the board that he suggested that the policy be changed to create a solution for situations like this one. He would like for everyone to have time to think about it and re-address it at a later time.

Les Day told the board that Mike Pavey had talked to Les about running water and sewer to the building on Julian Street that is being used for the non-profit organization, Footsteps. The concern from the board was the depth of the sewer main in that area. After discussion, the board said there would not be a problem with running water and sewer lines to the building if the sewer main is not too deep. The organization would be responsible for supplying the materials and the labor would be at no cost, with the Rushville Street Department and City Utilities' employees doing the work. Michael Singleton motioned, depending on the sewer main not being too deep, to approve this project. Joe Malcom seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Tim Sheehan told that board that he had received a letter from Donna Urdanivia. She is the daughter of William Howard McQueen. The letter was in reference to Mr. McQueen's March water bill. The bill was in the amount of \$472.98. She was asking Mr. Sheehan for an adjustment. Her brother had contacted City Utilities on March 9, 2011. He stated that there is no one living in the house because their father is in a nursing home in Indianapolis and that the house had been put up for sale with Tim Yazel with Remax. City Utilities did a service call on March 9, 2011 to make sure the meter was not turning. When Dennis Shook checked the meter, it was shut off. No one from City Utilities had shut the meter off. Mrs. Urdanivia had called City Utilities and spoke to Gina Jenkins to ask about the bill and said that there had not been any leaks in the house and that the toilets were working okay. She had hired Rushville Service Shop to inspect the plumbing in the house and that she was told that there were no leaks found. At that time, another service call was done by City Utilities to

pull and test the meter. There were no problems found with the meter. Gina told the board that Pat Todd, the owner of the Rushville Service Shop, had called her and told her that his employee that did the inspection was told by Mrs. Urdanivia's brother-in-law that they had problems with the water heater leaking, but that on inspection Mr. Todd told Gina that they found no leaks at the time. After discussion on the matter, Tim asked Les Day to write a letter to Mrs. Urdanivia to let her know that there would not be an adjustment made.

Tim Sheehan told the board that he had checked the claims for the month. He said that he had questioned the two payments in March to the sinking account and called Gina Jenkins to ask about them. She told him that a payment was not made to the sinking account in February, so two payments were made in March. Michael Singleton motioned to approve the claims. Brian Bess seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Les Day brought up the purchase of the new pipe saw. He told the board that after seeing the saw that he was interested in purchasing, he decided not to purchase it. City Utilities will continue to use the saw that they already have.

The motion to adjourn was unanimous. The motion carried.

Tim Sheehan announced that the next meeting will be on May 18, 2011.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.